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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: LAW OF THE SEA AT NON-ALIGNED  
CONFERENCE

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM FRIENDLY EMBASSY COPY OF  
ADDENDUM TO CONFERENCE DRAFT ACTION PROGRAM FOR  
ECONOMIC COOPERATION DEALING WITH LAW OF SEA.  
ADDENDUM DEALS WITH EXPLOITATION OF OCEAN RESOURCES  
IN FOR SOUTH LATITUDES INCLUDING ANTARCTICA. HOW-  
EVER WE UNDERSTAND THAT SRI LANKA HAS NOW DROPPED  
THIS ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH UNDER STRONG PROTEST FROM  
ARGENTINA. DESPITE ITS BEING A DEAD LETTER AT  
THIS CONFERENCE, WE ARE REPORTING IT IN CASE SAME  
PROPOSAL IS INTRODUCED IN ANOTHER FORUM.

2. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. DRAFT PARAGRAPH ON  
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THE LAW OF THE SEA (INCLUDING ANTARCTICA) FOR  
INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT ACTION PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC  
COOPERATION AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES.

THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ARE AWARE THAT,  
WHILE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE AT THE INTERNATIONAL  
LEVEL TO ENSURE THAT THE WORLD'S RESOURCES, AND IN  
PARTICULAR ITS MARINE RESOURCES, SHALL NOT BECOME  
THE SUBJECT OF SELFISH AND IRRESPONSIBLE EXPLOITATION  
BY THOSE WHO FOR THE TIME BEING POSSESS THE TEC-  
NOLOGY FOR THE PURPOSE, THERE ARE AREAS OF THE PLANET,  
SUCH AS THOSE SOUTH OF 45 DEGREES S LATITUDE FOR  
WHICH THE IMPLICATIONS OF THOSE EFFORTS MAY NOT BE  
CLEAR. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY CALL ON ALL STATES AND THE  
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH RELEVANT  
RESPONSIBILITIES TO ENSURE (1) THAT EXPLORATION AND  
CONSERVATION OF THE VAST RESOURCES, BOTH LIVING AND  
NON-LIVING OF SUCH AREAS ARE CARRIED OUT IN SUCH  
A MANNER AS TO REFLECT ADEQUATELY THE UNDOUBTED AND  
CONTINUING INTEREST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
IN SUCH AREAS; AND (2) THAT THOSE RESOURCES WILL  
BE MADE SUBJECT TO A REGIME OF RATIONAL MANAGEMENT  
AND UTILIZATION TO SECURE OPTIMUM BENEFITS FOR MAN-  
KIND AS A WHOLE AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE GLOBAL  
INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. UNQUOTE  
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